

RUSSIA AND THE WEST IN IRAN

fighting force before the announcement. Martial law and a curfew were proclaimed in Teheran. Marshal Ahmadi was appointed Military Governor of the capital.

These events were followed by an exchange of notes between the Allies and Iran that brought about a new political settlement. Three of these notes deserve special mention. In the first parallel notes presented by Russia and Britain on August 30 the two Allies reiterated that they had no designs against the independence and territorial integrity of Iran and that their military action had been necessitated by the German menace and the non-co-operative attitude of the Iranian government toward their proposals. This note contained the following demands:

- (1) The Iranian government must order its forces to retreat to the east and north of the following line: Khanaqin-Kermanshah-Khorramabad-Masjid-i-Suleiman-Haft Kel-Gachsaran-Bandar Dilam; and to the south of the following line: Ushnu-Miandoab-Zanjan-Qazvin-Karaj-Babolsar-Semnan-Shahrad-Aliabad. The zones thus traced would be occupied by the Allies, with the center of the country left to the Iranians.
- (2) The Iranian government must expel within one week all German citizens except those that had taken refuge in the German Legation and certain indispensable technicians and furnish a list of all Germans to the Allied diplomatic representatives.
- (3) The Iranian government must undertake not to admit any more Germans to Iran for the duration of war.
- (4) The Iranian government must facilitate the transport of Allied war materials by road, rail, and air.
- (5) The Iranian government must agree to remain neutral and

refrain from any hostile acts against Britain or Russia.

In return the Allies offered the following guarantees:

(5) The British promised to continue payment of oil royalties.

(6) Iran was assured of economic assistance.

(3) The Soviet and British advance would be halted and their forces withdrawn from Iran when the military situation permitted.

The Soviet note of August 30 differed from the British in the following points:

(i) Iran was asked to facilitate the task of the Soviet government